

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 10, 12-15, 18, 35, 38, 40 and 41 under 35 USC 102.

Claims 30 and 42 have been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been entered by these amendments. Claims 10, 12-15, 18, 35, 38, 40 and 41 have been cancelled in order to expedite the prosecution of this case. Thus, claims 20-22, 25-34, 36-37, 39 and 42 are pending in the application.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Formal Drawings will be supplied when the case is allowed.

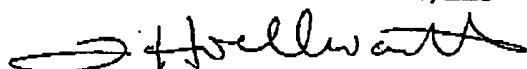
It should be emphasized that claims 10, 12-15, 18, 35, 38, 40 and 41 were only canceled to expedite the prosecution of this case. It is still believed that the outstanding rejections are unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn. In particular, *Duchon* does not teach or suggest "...the button function being incorporated into a housing component of the mouse, the housing component being configured to substantially enclose electronics associated with the mouse." as required by claim 10, "...a mouse housing configured to be grasped and manipulated by a hand of a user...and serving as a movable button so as to perform an onscreen action..." as required by claim 15 or "A computer mouse that has no mechanical buttons for data selection and command execution disposed on and flush with the mouse surface," as required by claim 41. Additionally, *Duchon* does not teach or suggest, "...wherein the housing component is pushed in its entirety to execute the button function," as required by claim 35, "...wherein the mouse housing has no separate mechanical buttons disposed thereon," as required by claim 38, or "...wherein the housing component forms the entire top surface of the mouse," as required by claim 40.

In *Duchon*, the mouse 18 includes a button 40 coupled to a housing 36. The housing 36 and button 40 are separate and distinct components. In contrast, the mouse of the present invention combines the mouse housing and the mouse button(s) into a single integrated unit (the features of which are defined in the claims). The mouse 18 described in *Duchon* is a

conventional mouse that includes a depressible button 40 independent of the housing 36 of the mouse 18, i.e., the housing 36 of the mouse 18 does not serve as a button.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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